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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR GATES' CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA

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1. PRC FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA RECEIVED AMBASSADOR GATES FOR 35 MINUTES ON THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 31. OTHER CHINESE PRESENT WERE MFA AMERICAN AND OCEANIAN DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR LIN PING, DEPUTY DIRECTOR TANG WEN-SHENG (INTERPRETER), AND US DESK OFFICER HU FENG-HSIEN (NOTETAKER). DEPUTY CHIEF DEAN AND POLOFF KEYSER (NOTETAKER) ATTENDED FOR USLO. FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG WAS RELAXED, CORDIAL, AND TOTALLY FAMILIAR WITH US-CHINA RELATIONS.

2. AFTER EXCHANGE OF OPENING PLEASANTRIES AND EXTENSION OF CONGRATULATIONS BY AMBASSADOR GATES ALONG LINES REF A, FORMIN HUANG OFFERED BRIEF SUBSTANTIVE OBSERVATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

--HE PLEDGED THAT THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY AND CHINESE PEOPLE
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"ARE DETERMINED TO CARRY OUT THE BEHESTS OF CHAIRMAN MAO AND...
TO IMPLEMENT HIS REVOLUTIONARY LINE AND POLICIES IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS..
.
WHICH WERE PERSONALLY LAID DOWN BY CHAIRMAN MAO."

--HE EMPHASIZED THAT THIS GENERAL FORMULATION "HOLDS

TRUE" AS WELL FOR SINO-US RELATIONS.

--NOTING THAT AMBASSADOR GATES HAD HELD A "VERY DETAILED DISCUSSION" WITH PREMIER HUA KUO-FENG LAST JUNE, HE AFFIRMED THAT "NO CHANGE" HAD OCCURRED IN THE CHINESE POSITION.

--HE STRESSED THAT SINO-US RELATIONS WOULD CONTINUE TO DEVELOP "SO LONG AS BOTH SIDES STRICTLY ABIDE BY THE PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN (THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE)."

--HE VOLUNTEERED THAT "IT SEEMS THE SOVIET UNION WILL NOT CHANGE ITS POLICIES...BUT IS BENT ON...SEEKING GLOBAL HEGEMONY."

3. AMBASSADOR GATES NOTED THAT A NEW ADMINISTRATION WOULD TAKE OFFICE ON JANUARY 20 AND WOULD, IN HIS PERSONAL OPINION, GIVE CLOSE ATTENTION TO BROADENING THE DIALOGUE AND CONTINUING PROGRESS IN US-CHINA RELATIONS.

4. FONMIN HUANG CRITICIZED THE "GANG OF FOUR" IN STANDARD TERMS, COMMENTED ON THE NEW ATMOSPHERE IN CHINA RESULTING FROM THEIR FALL, AND SEVERAL TIMES MENTIONED APPROVINGLY THE POLICIES OF CHAIRMAN HUA KUO-FENG (CALLING PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO HUA'S DECEMBER 20 SPEECH AT THE NATIONAL LEARN-FROM-TACHAI CONFERENCE).

5. NEITHER TAIWAN NOR CONDITIONS FOR US-CHINA NORMALIZATION WERE RAISED.
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